

Introduction of two shift system in courts to dispose of pending cases

459. SHRI B.J. PANDA: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court has recommended for introduction of two shift system in courts so that the mounting arrears of cases can be disposed of within the existing infrastructure;

-(b) whether this system is in vogue in industrial establishments;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether Chief Justice of the Apex Court has also given some suggestions for expeditious disposal of petty offences pending in magisterial courts, which number over 41 lakhs; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI K. VENKATAPATHY): (a) No such recommendation made by the Chief Justice of India has been received by Government.

(b) and (c) Industrial establishments do have a system of multiple shifts, for enhancing cost effective production.

(d) and (e) In the Chief Justices' Conference held on 9-10th March, 2006, the following resolution was passed with regard to petty offences:

"Petty offences including traffic and municipal challans be transferred to the Courts of Special Metropolitan Magistrates/Special Judicial Magistrates to be manned by retired Judicial Officers/senior Government Servants, which should make extensive use of various I.T. tools for disposal of such cases. State Governments be requested to appoint Special Metropolitan Magistrates/Special Judicial Magistrates, wherever required for disposal of such cases and to provide necessary infrastructure and staff for them."

Constitutional amendments challenged in courts

460. SHRI R. SHUNMUGASUNDARAM: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken adequate steps to defend the constitutional provisions and amendments that were recently challenged before the Supreme Court of India; and

(b) if so, what are the important constitutional provisions under challenge at present?

THE MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI H.R. BHARDWAJ): (a) and (b) The Government has always been taking adequate steps to defend all the cases before the Supreme Court in which any constitutional provisions or any amendment has been challenged.

Rural/mobile courts

†461. SHRI PYARELAL KHANDELWAL: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are contemplating setting up rural courts or mobile courts with a view to providing inexpensive fast justice to the villagers;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the States where the above scheme is being introduced initially and the time by when it is likely to be started; and

(d) if not, details of the schemes of Government to provide inexpensive and fast justice to the villagers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI K. VENKATAPATHY): (a) to (d) The matter is under consideration of the Government.

National Judicial Council

462. SHRI SHANTARAM LAXMAN NAIK:

SHRI AMAR SINGH:

SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to introduce a Bill to provide for setting up of a National Judicial Council to probe any misconduct by a judge of Supreme Court or High Court;

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